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Session 1: Word List

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

unrelenting

adj. not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

synonym: relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

upend

v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym: overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym : chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped

this year's beer festival.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

trachoma

n. an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness

(1) **trachoma** infection, (2) **trachoma** prevention

The World Health Organization has launched a global campaign to eliminate **trachoma** by 2020.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

scourge

n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

synonym : plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym : agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

tang

n. a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound

synonym : flavor, taste, zest

(1) metallic **tang**, (2) the **tang** of a lemon

The **tang** of the ocean breeze was refreshing on a hot summer day.

saltwater

adj. of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

synonym : marine, naval, maritime

(1) a **saltwater** fish, (2) **saltwater** crocodile

The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the **saltwater** ecosystem downstream.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

intolerant

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

synonym: failure, impotence, shortcoming

(1) an **intolerant** person, (2) **intolerant** of criticism

His **intolerant** attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym: non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

menstrual

adj. of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month

synonym : catamenial

(1) a **menstrual** period, (2) **menstrual** blood

The average length of a woman's **menstrual** cycle is 21 to 35 days.

deprivation

n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

synonym : poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym : digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook

food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym : steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

rebound

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

synonym : spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym : obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym : imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

honeycomb

n. a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young

synonym : hexagonal, beehive, lattice

(1) **honeycomb** lattice, (2) **honeycomb** pattern

The beehive was made of an intricate **honeycomb** pattern.

beryllium

n. a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications

synonym : Be, glucinium

(1) **beryllium** ore, (2) **beryllium** alloy

The rocket's casing was made of **beryllium** for its light weight and strength.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

asteroid

n. a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

synonym: minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym: afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

earthbound

adj. limited or restricted in movement or activity, typically due to physical rather than mental reasons; rooted or grounded in physical reality rather than imagination or abstract thought

synonym: grounded, terrestrial, earthy

(1) **earthbound** creature, (2) **earthbound** solutions

After his injury, the athlete was **earthbound** for months while he recovered.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

incurable

adj. not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption

synonym: unrecoverable, irreparable, hopeless

(1) **incurable** patient, (2) **incurable** romantic

The patient was diagnosed with an **incurable** disease and given only a few months to live.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ab____h censorship v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
2. ov____ke a rival v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
3. in____t a hard blow v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
4. for____le challenge adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
5. financial cr____h n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
6. er____te racial discrimination v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
7. pl____e into the water v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
8. a hard and re____nt steel adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
9. li____ss potential adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
10. suffer a se____k n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

ANSWERS: 1. abolish, 2. overtake, 3. inflict, 4. formidable, 5. crunch, 6. eradicate, 7. plunge, 8. resilient, 9. limitless, 10. setback

11. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
12. be_____um alloy *n.* a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications
13. sa_____er crocodile *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
14. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
15. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
16. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
17. mi__r industry *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
18. re_____d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
19. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 11. recreate, 12. beryllium, 13. saltwater, 14. liberate, 15. geopolitical, 16. limitless, 17. miner, 18. rebound, 19. coronavirus

20. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
21. up____t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
22. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
23. sc_____e of AIDS *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
24. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
25. up__d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
26. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
27. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
28. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. ho_____mb lattice *n.* a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young

ANSWERS: 20. electrify, 21. uplift, 22. improvisation, 23. scourge, 24. testament, 25. upend, 26. resilient, 27. poach, 28. opportune, 29. honeycomb

30. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
31. ne_____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
32. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
33. bring a sc_____e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
34. unr_____ng pressure *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
35. tra_____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
36. a sa_____er fish *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
37. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
38. an int_____nt person *adj.* the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

ANSWERS: 30. polarization, 31. newfound, 32. geopolitical, 33. scourge, 34. unrelenting, 35. transgender, 36. saltwater, 37. polarization, 38. intolerant

39. tr____ma infection *n.* an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness
40. po__h deer *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
41. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
42. the tu_____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
43. dep_____on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
44. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
45. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
46. exploration of co____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
47. re_____d back into positive growth *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

ANSWERS: 39. trachoma, 40. poach, 41. testament, 42. turmoil, 43. deprivation, 44. inventive, 45. confer, 46. cosmos, 47. rebound

48. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
49. in_____le patient *adj.* not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption
50. the t__g of a lemon *n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
51. as_____id explorer *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
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53. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
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57. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
58. in_____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

ANSWERS: 48. pact, 49. incurable, 50. tang, 51. asteroid, 52. smashing, 53. vaccinate, 54. miner, 55. pandemic, 56. uplift, 57. eradicate, 58. inflict

59. as____id mining *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
60. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
61. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
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69. metallic t__g *n.* a strong, sharp taste or smell; a perceptible or distinctive flavor or aftertaste; a metallic ringing or sound
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ANSWERS: 80. pandemic, 81. midwife, 82. setback, 83. deprivation, 84. recreate, 85. electrify, 86. inventive, 87. intolerant, 88. abolish, 89. midwife

90. ear_____nd creature *adj.* limited or restricted in movement or activity, typically due to physical rather than mental reasons; rooted or grounded in physical reality rather than imagination or abstract thought
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ANSWERS: 90. earthbound, 91. doom, 92. menstrual, 93. crunch, 94. vaccinate, 95. overtake, 96. coronavirus, 97. earthbound

98. pl___e a dagger through his heart v. to dive quickly and steeply downward;
to thrust or throw into something; (noun)
a steep and rapid fall

ANSWERS: 98. plunge

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
2. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.
n. a formal agreement between two or more parties
3. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.
adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
4. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
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- n.* a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications
13. The _____ heat made it difficult to sleep.
- adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
14. After his injury, the athlete was _____ for months while he recovered.
- adj.* limited or restricted in movement or activity, typically due to physical rather than mental reasons; rooted or grounded in physical reality rather than imagination or abstract thought
15. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 8. overtake, 9. midwife, 10. inventive, 11. recreated, 12. beryllium, 13. unrelenting, 14. earthbound, 15. polarization

16. The patient was diagnosed with an _____ disease and given only a few months to live.
adj. not able to be cured, healed, or remedied; beyond recovery or redemption
17. The plague was a _____ that killed millions of people.
n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
18. With his _____ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.
adj. newly discovered or acquired
19. The World Health Organization has launched a global campaign to eliminate _____ by 2020.
n. an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness
20. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
21. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
22. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
23. The beehive was made of an intricate _____ pattern.
n. a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young

ANSWERS: 16. incurable, 17. scourge, 18. newfound, 19. trachoma, 20. abolish, 21. formidable, 22. confer, 23. honeycomb

24. The basketball bounced off the rim and _____ to the player.
- v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
25. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
- n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
26. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the _____ belt to understand the early solar system better.
- n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
27. Losing him is great _____ to our team.
- n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
28. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
- n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
29. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
- adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
30. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.
- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
31. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 24. rebounded, 25. setback, 26. asteroid, 27. deprivation, 28. crunch, 29. geopolitical, 30. smashing, 31. vaccinated

32. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.
- n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
33. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
34. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
35. The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the _____ ecosystem downstream.
- adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
36. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
38. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
- n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 32. miner, 33. pandemic, 34. plunged, 35. saltwater, 36. opportune, 37. doom, 38. coronavirus,

39. The sudden news _____ their plans for the weekend.
v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
40. The average length of a woman's _____ cycle is 21 to 35 days.
adj. of or relating to the time when a woman menstruates (= to discharge the blood from the uterus) each month
41. His wealth is a _____ to his success.
n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
42. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.
v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
43. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
44. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
45. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
46. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 39. upended, 40. menstrual, 41. testament, 42. inflicted, 43. electrify, 44. eradicate, 45. poached, 46. improvisation

47. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process;
(verb) fill with high spirits

48. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

49. His _____ attitude towards other cultures made it difficult for him to get along with others.

adj. the inability or refusal to accept or respect views, beliefs, or behavior that differ from someone's own; unable to eat food without adverse effects

ANSWERS: 47. uplift, 48. liberated, 49. intolerant